

**United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas
Houston Division**

United States of America

v.

Wilmar Rene Duran Gomez

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Criminal No. H-10-459

[Capital Case]

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JOINT STATUS REPORT

The parties, through undersigned counsel, submit this Joint Status Report.

1. Counsel for Mr. Duran Gomez submitted his request that the Department of Justice deauthorize this case and withdraw the amended notice of intent to seek the death penalty on December 14, 2021, which they updated on January 18, 2022, to incorporate the court's recent opinion in ECF No. 719. Pursuant to the procedures in the Justice Manual for the United States Department of Justice, defense counsel have submitted their deauthorization request to the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas, who will then submit it to the Department of Justice according to the procedures in the Justice Manual.

2. The parties continue to work on discovery issues and will continue to explore whether they can resolve the case short of trial. Government counsel is also considering appellate issues regarding ECF No. 719.

3. The parties request a status call with the Court to address the current schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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